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TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJ: UK INTEREST IN LOCKHEED-TEXTRON MERGER

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DAVID JONES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR AEROSPACE IN DEPT. OF INDUSTRY, HE ASKED US TO EMPHASIZE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES THAT UKG HAS STRONG INTEREST IN PROGRESS OF LOCKHEED-TEXTRON MERGER NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE OF ROLLS-ROYCE. HE SAID UKG IN PARTICULAR CONCERNED BY HITCH THAT APPEARS TO HAVE DEVELOPED IN MERGER PLAN BECAUSE OF DISPUTE BETWEEN NAVY DEPARTMENT AND LOCKHEED CONCERNING LOCKHEED PERFORMANCE UNDER A PREVIOUS SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT. UKG NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAIL OF THAT DISPUTE BUT WOULD HOPE USG WOULD NOT ADOPT A POSITION IN THE DISPUTE WHICH WOULD FRUSTRATE MERGER THAT IS CRITICAL TO BOTH LOCKHEED AND ROLLS-ROYCE.

2. JONES SAID UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD MADE SIMILAR POINT IN REPRESENTATIONS TO TREASURY BUT HE WISHED TO REINFORCE THAT EFFORT. WE TOLD HIM WE WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM BUT WOULD REPORT HIS VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

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